

December 2015 Newsletter

The Severn River Lions Club will be holding a fresh Florida Fruit Sale on Saturday December 19.

Luscious Naval Oranges and Seedless Ruby Red Grapefruit are the fare.

Oranges come in 2/5 and 4/5 bu. boxes priced at \$23 and \$40 and red grapefruit come in

2/5 and 4/5 bu. boxes at \$22 and \$37, respectively, or mixed 2/5 bu. boxes at \$25.

2/5 bushel = 15-20 count (Grapefruit) or 24-40 count (Oranges, Tangelos)4/5 bushel = 27-40 count (Grapefruit) or 48-80 count (Oranges, Tangelos)

Nuts in 1 pound bags will also be sold . Pistachios \$11 and Cashews, Pecans, Deluxe Mixed for \$12.



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Remember the Board Meeting on Dec 8 an the Dinner meetings Dec. 15 and Jan. 5 at the American Legion Post

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Rhine Jager 1935-2015

Rhine Jager, 79, of Severna Park died on December 2, 2015 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. He was born on December 26, 1935 to the late Cobe and Jennie Jager in Kalamazoo, MI. Rhine served in the Army from

1957 to 1960 and was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. Upon leaving the military, Rhine earned the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan and a Master's degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University. He retired from Westinghouse after 33 years as an engineer.



Rhine was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Betty, and his brother, Henry Jager, and sister, Jo-

hanna. He is survived by daughter Janet Gaye Henson of Brownsville, VT and her husband, Oliver, and son Paul Andrew Jager of Millersville and his wife Kathleen. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Colin and his wife, Lauren; Adam and his wife, Bernadette; Seth and his wife, Suntarin; Lauren, and Katie. In addition, he is survived by three great-grandchildren, Bailey, Bryce, and Nora, and one sister, Jennie, of Kalamazoo, MI.

Rhine was a 48 year resident of Severna Park. He was a loving father and grandfather and great-grandfather and an active member of the Severn River Lions Club and Harundale Presbyterian Church. Friends and Family may visit on Monday, December, 7, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM at Barranco and Sons, P.A. Severna Park Funeral Home at 495 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD 21146. A service will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Harundale Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Severn River Lions Foundation, P.O.Box 118, Severna Park, MD 21146 or Harundale Presbyterian Church at 1020 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

Great Night for Severn River Lions

The regular meeting on November 17 was a great night for SRLC. After a delicious meal catered by Adams Ribs KL Catherine convened the meeting. The special guest speaker that evening was District Governor Larry Burton and he began by complimenting our club for the many worthwhile service activities that benefit so many. DG Larry also "walked the walk" and participated in a recent highway pickup with the club. In September DG Larry and his wife attended the annual picnic. He told of the many accomplishments of District Lions and especially those done by SRLC. He reported that several clubs have dropped and membership has fallen. He encouraged Lions to be active in recruiting new members to keep their clubs strong and viable. DG Larry then announced that it was his privilege to recognize several SRLC members for their long term membership and contributions to Lionism. DG Larry presented a special pin to four Lions who have been active members of SRLC for fifteen years. Receiving the membership pins were Nancy Burns, Chuck Horne, Bill O'Neil, and Don Rayment. DG Larry then announced that one member had given thirty five years of service to SRLC and presented an award to Bob Siska in recognition of his longevity. For the next thirty minutes the Lions heard about aspects of the club, upcoming events, and plans for future events. It was a great evening and enjoyed by all/ Go Lions!





SPAN Wins Again

For at least five years SRLC has challenged our Cub Scout Pack 688 to collect the most food to be donated to SPAN to help benefit less fortunate families. The challenge is that the "loser" buys pizza for the "winner" and the Pack has always excelled. This year the Lions strove to collect the most nonperishable food and earn the treat. At the meeting on November 17 Lions contributed 98 cans and cartons of non perishable food. On November 18 Lions Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, and Ollie Wittig went to the Pack meeting to collect the food that the Cub Scouts had donated. As soon as the Lions went into the school it was apparent that the Pack had done well again. There were nearly twenty bags of food items that had been donated and it was estimated that the Pack had donated approximately 296 cans and cartons of food. The Lions conceded defeat but promised to be back next year with the challenge and win the pizza. All of the food items that were collected will be delivered to SPAN in time for the Thanksgiving holiday and will help less fortunate families celebrate. Lions will again deliver the pizza to the Cub Scout but we will be back next year.



Off To A Great Start

Dawn had not yet broken when several Lions arrived at the SPHS lot for the season's first citrus sale and the lot was empty. Two Lions escorted fork lift driver Randy Roberts back from Clements Hardware and were greeted by several early arrivals. Two tractor trailer truck pulled in and the unloading began. Pallets of delicious citrus, navel oranges and ruby red grapefruit, were stacked in a long line awaiting customers. Lion Bill Z pulled in with the warming hut and a doughnut and coffee treat. Six energetic band students were welcomed and given instructions. The Lions truck pulled in and the colorful booth buildings were off loaded and assembled. Traffic cones and signs directing customers were placed and the sun began to peek over the horizon. Soon both trailers were empty and the citrus line was ready. King Orange Carl Gilbert gave directions and showed the workers the tickets and vouchers that customers would present for their orders. About thirty minutes before the announced start time customers began arriving. Cash boxes order books, and booth workers were ready and the sale began. The line of cars was steady throughout the morning. Customers pulled up to a booth, gave their names, paid, and were given tickets and vouchers for the citrus and nuts that they had bought. Cars then went to the long line and were directed by flag man, Don Rayment, were greeted by Lions and the citrus orders were loaded into the vehicles. Customers were thanked and told that the next sale would be December 19. Near late morning Chef George Councill and soup queen Nancy Burns announced that lunch would soon be ready. In shifts the workers went inside and were treated to delicious sandwiches and hearty tomato basil soup .As noon approached the citrus lines had dwindled, especially the navel oranges, but there was still a stack of grapefruit. As 1:00 pm approached the sales booths were taken down and returned to the truck. Lions began loading the remaining grapefruit onto a truck for transport to Rhine Jager's garage. Lions were asked to volunteer to help Rhine with the loading of surplus citrus this week. The season's first citrus sale was a success and all Lions who assisted deserve a hearty "thank you" for contributing to the first sale. Great job again Lions!





SRLC Lions Travel South

On October 19 Lions Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, and Ollie Wittig traveled south on a rainy night to visit with the South Arundel Lions Club as part of the visitation program. SALC meets at Pirates Cove Restaurant in Galesville and this venue is an attraction for visitors with a scenic location and delicious cuisine. On arrival the Lions checked in and were greeted by KL Joe Kidwell and other members and welcomed to the meeting. As the meeting convened KL Joe announced that the South Arundel club was celebrating 68 years and was chartered in 1947. He recounted some of the club's many worthwhile projects that benefit the community and thanked the members for their contribution to Lionism. The members and guests had enjoyed a pre meal buffet of delicious snacks and drinks and then it was time to eat. The traditional Lions opening preceded the meal and then orders were taken. While guests awaited their entrees they enjoyed a crispy salad then the main course ar-

rived and the only sounds heard were clanging silverware and comments about the quality of the meal. The dessert completed a delicious meal and then it was time to get down to business. KL Joe introduced DG Larry Burton who began by complimenting the club for the many worthwhile service activities. DG Larry gave an update on the status of the District in terms of clubs and membership and urged that Lions be more aggressive in recruiting new members. DG Larry spoke of the Centennial Service Challenge and displayed a poster with his theme-Create a



Ripple- and urged the club to continue to be active. The area of interest for the Ripple included vision services, youth activities, hunger abatement, and environmental projects. He complimented SALC for their participation in all the categories. DG Larry announced that he was presenting awards to members for their extended service to the club and Lions. Receiving a certificate and pin for their longevity were Steve Kwitkowski-10 years, Audrey May McWilliams-15 years, Chris Woodfield- 20 years, Charles Siebel-30 years, Paul Acito-50 years, and Jack Smith-60 years, The recipients were given a hearty round of applause for their service over the years. Doug Macleay, Region 1, Zone 1 chairman also complimented the club for their service and expressed his appreciation to all the members. KL Joe adjourned the gathering and thanked everyone for their participation in the club's many service projects.





What A Great Party!

The holiday season got off to a great start for SRLC on December 1 when the club's annual Christmas party was held. Nearly fifty Lions and guests assembled at the Sunset Restaurant in Glen Burnie for an evening of fun and celebration. The party goers were seated in a large banquet area at two long tables and the wait staff introduced themselves and took drink orders to get the event started. Lions had an opportunity to socialize with members and guests and then plates of appetizers arrived to tempt the revelers. The next course was a delicious, crispy salad with tasty dressings and the sound of clinking silverware could be heard. Party goers had a choice of six delicious entrees that evening and these began to arrive. The crowd grew silent as the tasty meal was consumed. Comments about the quality of the meal were heard and the wait staff was thanked for their attentiveness. When most had finished eating KL Catherine announced that there were gifts for members and guest, but Santa Claus was too busy that evening to attend so the task of distributing the gifts went to elves Dick Maurer, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig. As the names were read and a short statement about the gift and each recipient was asked to open the gift and share it with the members. Again this year Santa spared no expense on gift buying. Then it was time for dessert! Delicious strawberry shortcake lemon pie was given out and enjoyed. As the celebration drew to a close KL Catherine thanked all who attended and reminded them to "drive carefully" on the return home. The evening was a very festive occasion for all who attended and it was a great way to start the holiday.











